Building a Healthy and Sustainable Community For Berkeley Youth and Families

Mayor Tom Bates
Youth and Education Initiatives

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We can’t hold the schools responsible for solving all of our kid’s problems. Children are in school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the rest of the time they are all of our responsibility – parents, community, and the City at large.”
Tom Bates

Youth and Education Summit

Convened Youth and Education Summit. 165 people – leaders from youth and education programs, elected officials, city and school district administrators, teachers, and parents.

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Mayor’s Bates’ Youth and Education Initiatives

Project BUILD – Building Healthy Minds and Bodies
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Project BUILD - Building Healthy Minds and Bodies

1000 children – preschool through 8th grade receive 3 free books each summer.
600 Kindergartners through 8th graders matched with UC Berkeley literacy tutors.
4400 books read over the summer

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“Tom, are you running for mayor or school board?”

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Project BUILD

- 500 children attend Kick-off.
- Kids "traveled" 65,000 miles over the summer.
- 600 youth received nutrition education.
- Staff from 8 summer programs received physical activity training.

Berkeley Integrated Resources Initiative

- Universal Learning Support System
- School Linked Health Services
- School-Mental Health Partnership

Berkeley Champions for Kids

- Employee Volunteer Release Time
- Volunteer coordination to match adults with youth
- Workplace Giving – Payroll Deduction Programs

More Mayor’s Youth Initiatives

- Vocational Education and Workforce Development for Low-Income Young Adults
- Mayor’s Annual Student Recognition Awards
- The 2x2 - Joint City Council and School Board Meetings
Projects in the Pipeline…

- Building 6 new sports fields
- Expanding Berkeley’s four recreation centers and three senior centers into seven full-service, fully utilized Community Centers serving children, teens and our elders.

“As Mayor, it is my job to challenge our community and make our city a place where all our children are prepared and capable to pursue their dreams.”
Tom Bates